

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2 – 5, 14; 6 – 11, 15; 12 – 13 renumbered 1 – 14 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art made of record, in single or in combination, fails to disclose explicitly the limitations of:

"setting a time for switching, by the nodes receiving the routing stop message and the routing capability message, a destination of transmissions from the first router to the second router based on the routing capability time inside the routing capability message, wherein the routing capability time is determined in and transmitted from the second router." as disclosed in claim 2.

"a capability message transmitting section for transmitting the routing capability message to nodes in a local area network to which the router is connected such that the nodes receiving the routing stop message and the routing capability message are configured to set a time for switching a destination of transmissions from the another router to the router based on the routing capability time inside the routing capability message, wherein the routing capability time is determined in and transmitted from the router." as disclosed in claim 6.

"a router switch section for setting a time for switching a communication to be sent to an external network from the first router to the second router based on the routing capability time inside the routing capability message, wherein the routing capability time is determined in and transmitted from the second router." as disclosed in claim 12.

3. Additionally, all of the further limitations in claims 3, 4, 5, 14, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 13 are allowable, since the claims are dependent upon independent claims.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew C. Lee whose telephone number is (571)272-3131. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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